

2009 TA Training: Team-building session  
Department of Biological Engineering

The questions below are intended to help you explore your attitudes and goals re: teaching.

- 1) Who is one of the best teachers you ever had? What did s/he do that was particularly effective?
- 2) Describe a class in which an instructor didn't contribute to (or even actively impeded!) your learning.

*After discussing the two questions above as a group, make a list (individually or together) of 3 key dos and don'ts that you want to strive for in your teaching this year.*

- 3) What concerns you most about teaching MIT undergraduates/graduates? What excites you most about the opportunity to TA?

*Remember that when it comes to teaching energy in = energy out. Your students will take notice if you are both prepared and engaged, and ideally your behavior will be contagious!*